

TOWN OF LUNENBURG FISCAL YEAR 2024



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT & ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT Annual Town Meeting May 6, 2023- 9:00 A.M. Lunenburg Middle/High School Auditorium

**Annual Town Election
May 20, 2023
T.C. Passios Building
Polls open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 5:00 P.M.**

PLEASE BRING THIS WARRANT WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING

**TOWN OF LUNENBURG
2023 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT
May 20, 2023**

Worcester, ss:

To John E. Baker, Constable of the Town of Lunenburg, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Lunenburg, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Thomas C. Passios School Building in said Lunenburg on Saturday, the 20th day of May next, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon, and then and there to act on the following:

POLL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. POLL SHALL BE CLOSED AT 5:00 P.M.

Shall the Town vote to choose by ballot the following officers?

SELECTMAN	3 YEARS
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SEWER COMMISSIONER	3 YEARS
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BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER	3 YEARS
BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER	3 YEARS
ASSESSOR	3 YEARS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER	3 YEARS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER	3 YEARS
PARK COMMISSIONER	3 YEARS
PARK COMMISSIONER	3 YEARS
COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS	3 YEARS
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	3 YEARS
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YEARS
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YEARS
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER	5 YEARS
HOUSING AUTHORITY	3 YEARS

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in four or more public places in the Town, seven (7) days at least before the day appointed for said meeting, one of which places shall be at the Town Hall, one at Whalom Variety Store in the Whalom-Bakerville District, one at Powell's, and one at Jaxx Variety, and by mailing a copy to each dwelling unit in the Town in which a registered voter resides at least seven (7) days prior to such election.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this 4th day of April in the year two thousand and twenty three.

A True copy attest:

Kathryn M. Herrick, Town Clerk

Lunenburg Select Board
Michael Ray Jeffreys, Chairman
Thomas A. Alonzo, Vice-Chairman
Louis J. Franco, Clerk
Heather A. Sroka, Member

I have this day posted attested copies of the foregoing warrant in four or more public places in the town, including Town Hall, one at the Jaxx Variety, one at the Whalom Variety Store in the Whalom-Bakerville District and one at Powell's Stone and Gravel, all within at least seven days before the meeting and have mailed a copy of same to each dwelling unit in the Town in which a registered voter resides at least seven (7) days prior to such Annual Town Election.

John E. Baker, Constable

Date

FINANCIAL TERMS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM- A blueprint for planning a community's capital expenditures that comprises an annual capital budget and a five-year capital program. It coordinates community planning, fiscal capacity and physical development.

CHERRY SHEET/STATE AID – Revenue allocated by the Commonwealth to cities, towns, and regional school districts. Estimates of local aid are transmitted to cities, towns, and districts annually by the “Cherry Sheets”. Most Cherry Sheet aid programs are considered general fund revenues and may be spent for any purpose, subject to appropriation.

DEBT EXCLUSION- An action taken by a community through a referendum vote to raise the funds necessary to pay debt service costs for a particular project from the property tax levy but outside of the limits under Proposition 2 ½. By approving a debt exclusion, a community calculates its annual levy limit under Proposition 2 ½, then adds the excluded debt service cost. The amount is added to the levy limit for the life of the debt only and may increase the levy above the levy ceiling.

EXCESS LEVY CAPACITY- The difference between the levy limit and the amount of real and personal property taxes actually levied in a given year. Annually, the Selectmen must be informed of excess levy capacity at the Tax Rate Hearing and this is submitted to DLS when setting the tax rate.

FREE CASH – Remaining, unrestricted funds from operations of the previous fiscal year including unexpended free cash from the previous year, actual receipts in excess of revenue estimates shown on the tax recapitulation sheet, and unspent amounts in budget line-items. Unpaid property taxes and certain deficits reduce the amount that can be certified as free cash. The calculation of free cash is based on the balance sheet as of June 30, which is submitted by the Town Accountant. Free Cash is not available for appropriation until certified by the Director of Accounts.

LOCAL RECEIPTS- Locally generated revenues, other than real and personal property taxes. Examples include motor vehicle excise, investment income, meals tax, fees, rentals, and charges. Annual estimates of local receipts are shown on the tax rate recapitulation sheet.

OVERLAY – (Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions) An account established annually to fund anticipated property tax abatements, exemptions and uncollected taxes in that year.

RESERVE FUND - This fund is used by the Finance Committee to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures. The total amount appropriated in any one year may not exceed 5% of the tax levy. No direct drafts against this fund can be made, but transfers from the fund can be authorized by the Finance Committee.

RETAINED EARNINGS- An equity account reflecting the accumulated earnings of an enterprise fund, which may be used to fund capital improvements, reimburse the general fund for prior year subsidies, reduce user charges, or provide for enterprise revenue deficits (operating losses).

STABILIZATION FUND – A fund designed to accumulate amounts for capital and other future spending purposes, although it may be appropriated for any lawful purpose. Communities may establish one or more stabilization funds for different purposes and may appropriate any amounts into them. A two-thirds vote of town meeting is required to establish, amend the purpose of, or appropriate money from a stabilization fund. A majority vote of town meeting is required to appropriate money into a stabilization fund.

DEFINITIONS OF RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER EACH ARTICLE

RECOMMEND APPROVAL: The board voted to recommend passage by Town Meeting.

NOT RECOMMENDED: The board voted to not recommend passage by Town Meeting.

NO RECOMMENDATION: The board voted to make no specific recommendation to Town Meeting.

NO DIRECT FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Finance Committee votes this article does not have a financial impact.

DEFERRED: A recommendation will be announced by this board when the article is considered at Town Meeting.

CAPITAL PLANNING REPORT

Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Plan

The Capital Planning Committee met several times during the fall and early winter months to consider capital requests that were submitted by department heads. Following extensive dialogue with department heads and revisions to some requests, the committee considered 28 requests and ultimately voted to rank 27 items for consideration by the Town Manager, Select Board, and Finance Committee.

On January 28th, the Town Manager presented her preliminary Capital Plan. Her recommendation included the first six items recommended by the Capital Planning Committee, totaling \$1,360,500.

On February 13th, the Capital Planning Committee met to consider the Town Manager's preliminary capital plan and some differences in her ranking of projects. No action was taken, however at the time there were two outstanding issues to be addressed before a final capital plan recommendation could be submitted for the warrant.

The first was a request for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase three vehicles (an ambulance and two 6-wheel dump/spreader/plow trucks). On February 21st, the Select Board committed \$986,000 of ARPA funds for these projects. This action accelerated ordering the vehicles by several months (demand for these items and supply chain issues have resulted in extended delays) and eliminated a need to tap the Special Purpose Stabilization Account to fund these items.

The second issue was the availability of free cash, which the Town Manager had reserved to fund the overlay account, relating to the high number of property tax abatement requests. On March 28th, the Town Manager presented a revised recommendation that eliminated the \$986,000 from the Special Purpose Stabilization Account, added \$467,268.98 from free cash, added \$356,789 from tax revenues, and reduced the amount from unexpended capital by \$2,758.98 to her recommendation for the FY24 Capital Plan to fund six additional projects. The Town Manager's new recommendation also removed two items from the priority list (TCP Ansul Inspection and Public Safety Building Downspouts) after consultation and further assessment by the Facilities Director. The following outlines the Town Manager's final Capital Plan Recommendation with associated Capital Planning Committee rankings and scoring derived from the UMass Collins Center for Public Management. There are 12 items, totaling \$2,025,010.00. As referenced above, \$986,000 of that total does not require an Annual Town Meeting appropriation or approval.

Capital Planning Committee Members:

Tom Alonzo, Chair, Select Board Representative

David Passios, Vice-Chair, Finance Committee Representative

Peter Beardmore, Clerk, School Committee Representative

Matthew Brenner, Planning Board Representative

George Martin, Member At Large

TM Priority #	CPC Priority #	Collins Score	CIP #	Dept.	Project Title	FY2024 TM Prelim. Capital Plan Rec.	FY2024 TM Final Capital Plan Rec.
1	1	34	FD17-03	Fire	Replacement Rescue 1*	\$506,000.00	\$506,000.00
2	2	31	LPS23-08	School	THES Exterior Door Upgrades/Replacements	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
3	3	34	LPS23-09	School	THES Security Upgrades	\$131,000.00	\$131,000.00
4	4	33	LPS23-10	School	Primary Security Upgrades	\$83,500.00	\$83,500.00
5	6	32	DPW 17-14	DPW	6 Wheel Dump/Spreader/Plow Truck*	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00
6	5	29	DPW23-18	DPW	6 Wheel Dump/Spreader/Plow Truck 2*	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00
7	7	38	LPS20-05	Schools	THES Upgrade Fire Alarm System		\$287,000.00
8	8	47	FD23-01	Fire	Public Safety Radio System- Update/Replace Obsolete Hardware Phase 1		\$242,510.00
9	10	49	INFRA21-03	DPW	Northfield Culvert (Kelly's Pond) Survey/Design/Permit		\$25,000.00
10	9	33	DPW23-16	DPW	New 1/2 Ton 4WD Crew Cab Pickup		\$55,000.00
11	12	25	FM19-07A-2	Facilities	TC Passios Sidewalk Repair Vertex Item #4		\$25,000.00
12	15	27	FM23-03	Facilities	Parks, Whalom Lake and Marshall Pond Treatment		\$30,000.00
						\$1,360,500.00	\$2,025,010.00
				Funding:	Raise & Appropriate	\$356,789.09	\$556,789.09
					Free Cash	\$0.00	\$467,268.98
					Unexpended Capital	\$17,710.91	\$14,951.93
					Special Purpose Stabilization	\$986,000.00	\$0.00
					*American Rescue Plan Funding (Does not require vote at ATM)	\$0.00	\$986,000.00
				TOTAL:		\$1,360,500.00	\$2,025,010.00

INDEX OF MAY 6, 2023 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES			
Article	Description	Cost	Source
1	Reports from Committees	N/A	N/A
2	Re-Authorize Revolving Funds	\$266,000	Various Revenue Sources
3	Payment of Prior Year Expenses	\$4,000	Transfer from Free Cash
4	Amendments to Appropriations and Sources of Funds for FY 2023	N/A	Transfer from Available Funds
5	Overlay Account for FY 2023 Abatements	\$1,500,000	Transfer from Free Cash
6	FY 2024 Capital Improvement Plan	\$1,039,010	Raise & Appropriate, Transfer from Available Funds
7	FY 2024 Omnibus Budget	\$42,584,048.95	Raise & Appropriate, Transfer from Available Funds
8	FY 2024- FY 2026 Fire Union Collective Bargaining Agreement	TBD	Transfer from FY24 Salary Reserve
9	Amendment to Code of Lunenburg, Chapter 70, Schedule A-Salary Administration Plan FY24 Wage Schedule	\$38,095.13	Transfer from FY24 Salary Reserve
10	Regular Stabilization Fund	\$100,000	Transfer from Free Cash
11	Special Purpose Stabilization Fund	\$250,000	Transfer from Free Cash
12	OPEB Trust Fund (Town and Sewer Enterprise)	\$282,855 \$1,000	Transfer from Free Cash and Transfer from Sewer Retained Earnings
13	Creation of Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund		
14	FY 2024 Sewer Enterprise Budget	\$1,339,850.95	Anticipated Receipts and Retained Earnings & Transfer from available funds
15	Sewer Capital Reserve Stabilization Fund	\$36,621.37	Transfer from Retained Earnings

16	FY 2024 Solid Waste Disposal Program Enterprise Budget	\$302,000	Solid Waste Disposal Enterprise Revenues
17	FY 2024 Water Enterprise Budget	\$25,000	Water Enterprise Revenues
18	FY 2024 PEG Access Budget	\$163,261	PEG Access Anticipated Receipts and Retained Earnings
19	Care, Improvement and Embellishment of Town Cemeteries	\$10,000	Transfer from Sale of Cemetery Lots
20	Historical Commission Historic Homes Survey	\$25,000	Transfer from Free Cash
21	Home Rule Petition for Senior Tax Relief Program		
22	Amendment to Code of Lunenburg, Section 250-4.1, Protective Bylaw "Permitted and Prohibited Uses" by adding "Self Storage" to Use Table		

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In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants to the Town of Lunenburg, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Lunenburg Middle/High School Auditorium in said Lunenburg on Saturday, the 6th day of May next, at 9:00 o'clock in the morning (9:00 A.M.), for the purpose of taking action on the Town Meeting Warrant, and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to hear and/or accept the regular written reports of the Town Officers and Committees; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Direct Financial Impact 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for various departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 to be expended in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Town's General Bylaws; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

<i>Revolving Fund</i>	<i>FY24 Spending Limit</i>
Ambulance Billing	\$100,000
Timber Rights	\$10,000
School Custodial Special Details	\$13,000
Green Thumb	\$5,000
Library Revolving	\$12,000
Council on Aging/MART Revolving	\$45,000
Stormwater Task Force	\$5,000
Electrical, Gas, Plumbing Inspector Revolving	\$46,000
Technology Revolving	\$30,000

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for payment of prior year expenses; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deferred 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Deferred 4-0

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, all sums of money necessary to amend the amounts voted for the Town's FY 2023 Budget, under Article 8 of the May 7, 2022 Annual Town Meeting and Article 1 of the November 15, 2022 Special Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the Overlay Account for all anticipated costs associated with FY 2023 abatements; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0-1

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the FY 2024 Capital Plan, as appearing in the Capital Planning Committee Report; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray the charges and expenses of the Town for FY 2024 and to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officials of the Town and any other items included in the budget of the Town Manager; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the first year of the FY 24-FY 26 Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026 with the Lunenburg Professional Firefighters, PFFM Local 5369; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deferred 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Deferred 4-0

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to replace the current Salary Schedule in the Code of Lunenburg, Chapter 70, Section 70-8.A, entitled “Salary Administration Plan”, Schedule A, with a FY 2024 Salary Schedule as recommended by the Personnel Committee, which authorizes wage increase for Fiscal Year 2024, for permanent employees not covered by a collective bargaining unit agreement or individual contract, and further transfer a sum of money from the FY2024 Salary Reserve Fund to fund the wage increase for Salary Administration Plan employees. (Submitted by Personnel Committee) \$38,095.13.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money into the OPEB Trust Fund that was created at the November 10, 2010 Special Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.40, §5B, to create a new special purpose stabilization fund, to be known as the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund, which may be expended for all of the purposes allowed by law, including those outlined in applicable opioid-litigation settlement documents, a document prepared by the Substance Abuse Bureau of the Commonwealth’s Office of Health and Human Services Department, found at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms/download> entitled “Abatement Strategies”, and consistent with any state guidelines or regulations further clarifying allowable uses of opioid litigation settlement funds; and further, to adopt the last paragraph of said §5B and dedicate to such fund, without further appropriation, 100% of the opioid litigation settlement funds received by the Town; and further, to transfer from available funds a sum of money equal to that received or to be received by the Town from opioid litigation settlements resulting from the Town’s participation in the national Opioid Multi-District Litigation into said Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund for FY 2024; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Sewer Business Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Deferred 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Deferred 4-0

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money into the Sewer Capital Reserve Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Sewer Business Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Solid Waste Disposal Program Enterprise Fund for FY 2024; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise Fund for FY 2024; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the FY 2024 Public Educational Government (PEG) Access Enterprise operating and capital budgets; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the PAC Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account to be used for the care, improvement, and embellishment of the Town Cemeteries; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Cemetery Commission)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of \$25,000 for consultant services to complete a survey program to inventory historic homes within the Town; or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Historical Commission)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town, to petition the General Court for the enactment of special legislation substantially as provided below, provided that the General Court, with advance approval by the Select Board, which is hereby authorized, may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF LUNENBURG TO ESTABLISH A MEANS TESTED SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.

SECTION 1. With respect to each qualifying parcel of real property classified as class one, residential in the town of Lunenburg, there shall be an exemption from the property tax in an amount to be set annually by the board of assessors as provided in section 3. The exemption shall be applied to the domicile of the taxpayer only. For the purposes of this act, "parcel" shall mean a unit of real property as defined by the board of assessors under the deed for the property and shall include a condominium unit. The exemption provided for herein shall be in addition to any other exemptions allowed under the General Laws.

SECTION 2. The board of assessors of the town of Lunenburg may deny an application for exemption if the board finds that an applicant has excessive assets that place the applicant outside of the intended recipients of the senior citizen tax exemption created by this act. Real property shall qualify for the exemption under section 1 if all of the following criteria are met:

- (i) The qualifying real property is owned and occupied by an Applicant who has applied for and been granted the State's Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit;
- (ii) Each Applicant named in an application who has attained the eligibility age of 70 years for an elderly exemption in Lunenburg under M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41(C) must have applied for and been granted this exemption;
- (iii) Each Applicant named in an application has attained the age of 65 years by the close of the calendar year immediately preceding the year of application;
- (iv) The Applicant has owned and occupied a home in the Town of Lunenburg, as his or her primary residence, for at least 15 consecutive years pre-dating and including the date of application;
- (v) The Applicant has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Lunenburg Board of Assessors that (s)he, and each co-applicant, owns no other significant assets such as, by way of nonlimiting example, a second home, a trust fund, securities, equities, and bonds.

- (vi) The amount of relief granted to each Applicant under this program shall not exceed 100 percent of the Circuit Breaker Tax Credit for which the Applicant qualified in the previous year.

SECTION 3. The board of assessors of the town of Lunenburg shall annually set the exemption amount provided for in section 1 relative; provided, however, that the amount of the exemption shall not exceed the amount of the circuit breaker income tax credit pursuant to subsection (k) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws for which the applicant qualified in the previous year. The total amount exempted by this act shall be allocated proportionally within the tax levy on all residential taxpayers and shall not exceed 1 percent of the town-wide real property tax levy. To the extent that the total value of exemption requests timely received by the board of assessors exceeds 1 percent of the levy, the exemption amount for which each applicant has otherwise established eligibility shall be proportionally reduced by multiplying the established eligibility amount by a quotient equal to 1 percent of the levy divided by the total town-wide dollar value of exemption requests for which Applicants in the aggregate would be eligible in the absence of the cap represented by 1 percent of the levy.

SECTION 4. A person who seeks to qualify for the exemption under section 1 shall, before the deadline established by the board of assessors of the town of Lunenburg, file an application, on a form to be adopted by the board of assessors, with the supporting documentation of the applicant's income and assets as described in the application. An applicant must submit an application, and demonstrate eligibility, for each year for which the applicant seeks the exemption.

SECTION 5. No exemption shall be granted under this act until the department of revenue certifies a residential tax rate for the applicable tax year where the total exemption amount is raised by a burden shift within the residential tax levy.

SECTION 6. This act may be revoked by an affirmative vote of a majority of town meeting voters at any annual or special town meeting. Any such revocation shall take effect 30 days after an affirmative vote of town meeting.

or take any other action relative thereto.
(Submitted by the Town Manager)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-1

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of Lunenburg, to modify §250-4.1, which is a Section of the Protective Bylaw entitled "Permitted and prohibited uses," by adding a new §250-4.1K(20), entitled "Self-Storage," and inserting the same into the accompanying "Use Table," all as shown below; or any other action relative thereto.

4.1K	COMMERCIAL USES	RA	RB	O	LB/R	C	OP/I	R	VC D	SS	TT	W
4.1K(20)	Self-Storage	-	-	-	-	SP-ZB	SP-ZB	-	-	-	-	-

4.1K(20) Self-Storage: A building or group of buildings of a controlled- access and/or fenced compound that contains compartmentalized and controlled-access stalls or lockers, for the storage of customers' goods or wares.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: No Direct Financial Impact 5-0

SELECT BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval 4-0

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in four or more public places in the Town, fourteen (14) days at least before the day appointed for said meeting, one of which places shall be the Town Hall, one at Whalom Variety Store in the Whalom-Bakerville District, one at Powell's and one at Jaxx Country Variety, and by mailing a copy to each dwelling unit in the Town in which a registered voter resides at least fourteen (14) days prior to such meeting.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given under our hands this __th day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three,

A true copy, Attest:

Kathryn M. Herrick, Town Clerk

LUNENBURG SELECT BOARD

Michael Ray Jeffreys, Chairman

Tom Alonzo, Vice Chairman

Lou Franco, Clerk

Heather Sroka, Member

Article 4: FY23 Budget Adjustments

FY23 Budget Adjustments from 5/7/22 ATM and 11/15/22 STM				
FY23 Budget Adjustments				
Line #	Appropriation	Voted 5/7/22 & 11/15/22	5/6/23 ATM Adj	Amended Appropriation
5	Workers Compensation	\$ 154,173.60	\$ (25,377.77)	\$ 128,795.83
29	Technology Department	\$ 316,022.89	\$ (14,229.73)	\$ 301,793.16
13	Reserve Fund	\$ 75,000.00	\$ (75,000.00)	\$ -
40	Police Lockup	\$ 50,600.00	\$ (33,184.96)	\$ 17,415.04
41	Injury Leave	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ -
46	Radio Watch	\$ 309,785.27	\$ (15,853.80)	\$ 293,931.47
75	Veterans Benefits	\$ 99,275.00	\$ (30,922.80)	\$ 68,352.20
73	Recycling Program	\$ 312,634.00	\$ 38,000.46	\$ 350,634.46
6	Health Insurance	\$ 2,455,674.99	\$ 63,576.68	\$ 2,519,251.67
70	Snow Removal	\$ 350,000.16	\$ 96,991.92	\$ 446,992.08
Total FY23 Omnibus Budget Adjustments		\$ 4,127,165.91	\$ -	\$ 4,127,165.91

Article 7: FY 2024 Omnibus Budget

<i>FY 2024 Projected Omnibus Budget</i>							
Line No.		Expended FY2019	Expended FY2020	Expended FY2021	Expended FY22	Budgeted FY23	FY24 TM Rec Budget
	<i>Maturing Debt & Interest</i>						
1	Principal-Loans	\$ 3,095,185.66	\$ 3,094,944.33	\$ 3,226,042.07	\$ 3,178,668.94	\$ 3,220,578.72	\$ 2,335,199.75
2	Interest - Loans	\$ 1,623,033.12	\$ 1,523,597.55	\$ 1,460,268.79	\$ 1,376,939.69	\$ 1,272,700.60	\$ 1,169,576.83
3	Interest-Temporary Loans	\$ 33,491.78	\$ 57,794.48	\$ 8,844.48	\$ 3,588.98	\$ 1,824.90	\$ 11,405.65
3A	Administrative Fees - Loans	\$ 6,341.90	\$ 5,335.23	\$ 4,366.12	\$ 3,395.97	\$ 2,619.13	\$ 1,830.58
3B	Bond Issuance Costs	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Maturing Debt	\$ 4,758,052.46	\$ 4,681,671.59	\$ 4,699,521.46	\$ 4,562,593.58	\$ 4,497,723.35	\$ 3,518,012.81
	<i>Unclassified</i>						
4	Liability Insurance	\$ 174,851.00	\$ 188,702.67	\$ 193,224.64	\$ 184,061.00	\$ 225,644.23	\$ 248,986.44
5	Workers Compensation	\$ 121,268.00	\$ 126,497.00	\$ 115,293.00	\$ 141,492.00	\$ 154,173.60	\$ 161,882.28
6	Group Health Insurance	\$ 2,108,353.26	\$ 2,103,153.63	\$ 2,080,164.63	\$ 2,170,118.63	\$ 2,455,674.99	\$ 2,957,469.53
7	Group Life Insurance	\$ 9,055.00	\$ 10,776.25	\$ 10,523.75	\$ 11,539.16	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
8	Physicals	\$ 4,084.49	\$ 5,245.33	\$ 4,575.00	\$ 4,925.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
9	Print Town Reports	\$ 9,227.81	\$ 10,411.96	\$ 11,634.48	\$ 14,480.69	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
10	Mont Reg Planning Assess	\$ 3,443.29	\$ 3,529.37	\$ 3,617.60	\$ 3,708.04	\$ 4,158.25	\$ 4,262.20
11	Historical Commission	\$ 1,325.10	\$ 450.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
12	Band Concerts	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
12A	Agricultural Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
13	Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ 16,890.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
13A	Salary Reserve Fund	\$ 4,841.36	\$ 34,402.04	\$ 48,693.40	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 13,379.78	\$ 130,000.00
14	Unemployment Expense	\$ 4,281.00	\$ 7,752.00	\$ 5,030.39	\$ (4,352.00)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
14A	Unemployment Expense - Stab Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
15	Medicare - Town's Share	\$ 268,127.95	\$ 276,529.29	\$ 291,878.53	\$ 315,513.36	\$ 320,560.00	\$ 341,070.00
	Total Gen Gov Unclassified	\$ 2,713,058.26	\$ 2,788,539.54	\$ 2,764,675.42	\$ 2,962,685.88	\$ 3,298,090.85	\$ 3,968,170.45
	<i>General Government</i>						
16	Finance Committee Expense	\$ 306.91	\$ 980.07	\$ 380.99	\$ 343.98	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,300.00
17	Annual Town Audit	\$ 40,750.00	\$ 44,750.00	\$ 41,900.00	\$ 41,900.00	\$ 42,100.00	\$ 44,100.00
18	Charter Review Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
19	Selectmen's Administration	\$ 54,851.68	\$ 98,756.60	\$ 121,997.37	\$ 132,934.61	\$ 145,003.84	\$ 152,899.20
20	Selectmen Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
21	Town Manager Salary	\$ 127,320.00	\$ 132,713.79	\$ 135,675.60	\$ 152,534.54	\$ 157,232.16	\$ 165,043.60
22	Town Manager Expense	\$ 4,930.20	\$ 4,289.61	\$ 1,760.19	\$ 2,905.66	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
23	Town Accountant	\$ 202,770.03	\$ 210,550.68	\$ 215,009.99	\$ 229,536.73	\$ 246,124.75	\$ 242,080.77
24	Treasurer's Administration	\$ 69,531.91	\$ 83,602.74	\$ 88,548.64	\$ 88,373.26	\$ 95,695.50	\$ 105,996.38
25	Banking Charges	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
26	Tax Collector's Admin	\$ 94,628.49	\$ 83,080.35	\$ 87,659.26	\$ 101,195.43	\$ 111,055.66	\$ 116,730.06
27	Assessor's Salaries	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
28	Assessor's Administration	\$ 164,085.54	\$ 190,363.38	\$ 172,520.74	\$ 178,901.61	\$ 240,633.44	\$ 231,056.24
29	Information Technology Dept	\$ 210,763.84	\$ 211,533.37	\$ 180,982.76	\$ 298,008.91	\$ 316,022.89	\$ 400,033.33
30	Legal Expenses	\$ 109,869.94	\$ 94,361.05	\$ 99,950.08	\$ 96,410.20	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
31	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 49,430.16	\$ 50,418.00	\$ 51,678.45	\$ 53,228.80	\$ 54,560.00	\$ 57,500.00
32	Town Clerk's Administration	\$ 28,198.01	\$ 33,177.91	\$ 39,000.27	\$ 53,930.20	\$ 53,072.72	\$ 54,525.68
33	Elections	\$ 12,336.06	\$ 15,079.07	\$ 25,870.70	\$ 5,185.96	\$ 16,353.00	\$ 16,735.00
34	Registration & Census	\$ 14,718.78	\$ 9,587.15	\$ 16,212.88	\$ 12,883.79	\$ 24,450.00	\$ 24,450.00
35	Planning Board	\$ 148,595.23	\$ 150,963.57	\$ 154,338.95	\$ 155,668.18	\$ 166,871.32	\$ 161,871.32
35A	APDC Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
36	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 3,161.44	\$ 1,461.10	\$ 2,154.03	\$ 1,194.78	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,900.00
37	Conservation Commission	\$ 51,130.55	\$ 55,119.83	\$ 56,941.71	\$ 63,996.98	\$ 73,621.44	\$ 64,100.46
	Total General Government	\$ 1,387,378.77	\$ 1,470,818.27	\$ 1,492,582.61	\$ 1,669,133.62	\$ 1,874,496.72	\$ 1,974,322.04

FY 2024 Projected Omnibus Budget

Line No.		Expended FY2019	Expended FY2020	Expended FY2021	Expended FY22	Budgeted FY23	FY24 TM Rec Budget
	<i>Central Purchasing</i>						
38	Central Purchasing	\$ 53,553.58	\$ 48,926.62	\$ 45,868.43	\$ 62,398.99	\$ 77,800.00	\$ 80,300.00
	Total Central Purchasing	\$ 53,553.58	\$ 48,926.62	\$ 45,868.43	\$ 62,398.99	\$ 77,800.00	\$ 80,300.00
	<i>Protection</i>						
39	Police Department	\$ 1,639,906.20	\$ 1,648,174.04	\$ 1,796,266.73	\$ 1,901,809.69	\$ 2,106,792.23	\$ 2,306,293.24
40	Police Lock Up	\$ 38,947.49	\$ 28,872.06	\$ 26,015.31	\$ 13,844.52	\$ 50,600.00	\$ 25,600.00
41	Injury Leave	\$ 2,131.96	\$ -	\$ 9,179.06	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
42	Police/Fire Medical Expenses	\$ 1,138.99	\$ 1,617.50	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	Subtotal Police	\$ 1,682,124.64	\$ 1,678,663.60	\$ 1,833,961.10	\$ 1,916,814.21	\$ 2,165,392.23	\$ 2,339,893.24
43	Fire Department	\$ 976,325.57	\$ 1,086,726.58	\$ 1,165,755.61	\$ 1,325,964.95	\$ 1,520,274.20	\$ 1,550,992.68
43A	Capital - Fire Dept.	\$ 19,121.94	\$ 12,258.48	\$ 14,350.32	\$ 25,490.49	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
44	Fire Hydrant Expense	\$ 15,116.00	\$ 15,121.00	\$ 14,644.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 15,194.00	\$ 17,000.00
45	Radio Equipment Mtc.	\$ 6,210.55	\$ 4,395.01	\$ 2,105.00	\$ 6,192.77	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	Subtotal Fire Dept.	\$ 1,016,774.06	\$ 1,118,501.07	\$ 1,196,854.93	\$ 1,370,648.21	\$ 1,575,468.20	\$ 1,607,992.68
46	Radio Watch	\$ 267,269.06	\$ 279,835.00	\$ 304,130.90	\$ 305,162.53	\$ 312,144.71	\$ 308,719.96
	Subtotal Radio Watch	\$ 267,269.06	\$ 279,835.00	\$ 304,130.90	\$ 305,162.53	\$ 312,144.71	\$ 308,719.96
47	Emergency Management	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
48	Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$ 4,125.00	\$ 4,110.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,736.88	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 4,300.00
49	Wiring Inspector	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
50	Building Inspector	\$ 88,663.50	\$ 128,696.07	\$ 148,146.55	\$ 154,062.64	\$ 161,942.40	\$ 161,942.40
51	Municipal Hearing Officer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
52	Plumbing/Gas Inspector	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
53	Animal Control	\$ 39,919.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 39,997.67	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 49,000.00
	Subtotal Other Protection	\$ 137,707.50	\$ 177,806.07	\$ 198,146.55	\$ 203,797.19	\$ 218,242.40	\$ 222,242.40
	Total Protection	\$ 3,103,875.26	\$ 3,254,805.74	\$ 3,533,093.48	\$ 3,796,422.14	\$ 4,271,247.54	\$ 4,478,848.28
	<i>Health & Sanitation</i>						
54	General Health Expense	\$ 34,345.96	\$ 36,994.08	\$ 40,861.97	\$ 45,756.98	\$ 46,332.44	\$ 46,332.44
55	Nashoba Board of Health	\$ 25,943.35	\$ 27,240.51	\$ 28,602.52	\$ 30,032.67	\$ 36,759.84	\$ 39,516.83
56	Nashoba Nursing	\$ 11,839.27	\$ 12,431.23	\$ 13,052.79	\$ 13,705.43	\$ 16,848.26	\$ 18,111.88
57	Mental Health	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
58	Animal Inspector Salary	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Total Health & Sanitation	\$ 73,128.58	\$ 77,665.82	\$ 83,517.28	\$ 90,495.08	\$ 100,940.54	\$ 104,961.15
	<i>Department of Public Works</i>						
59	Highway Labor	\$ 418,734.44	\$ 392,645.77	\$ 425,505.77	\$ 490,429.71	\$ 563,104.17	\$ 587,160.00
60	Highway OT	\$ 11,269.66	\$ 10,951.09	\$ 11,258.20	\$ 8,864.10	\$ 10,512.87	\$ 12,000.00
61	General Highway Maintenance	\$ 565,902.36	\$ 523,549.33	\$ 689,600.72	\$ 647,904.44	\$ 745,500.00	\$ 863,250.00
61A	Capital - General Highway	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
62	Town Highway Garage	\$ 988.16	\$ 1,038.11	\$ 894.86	\$ 1,039.22	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 1,100.00
63	Traffic Signs & Devices	\$ 12,311.50	\$ 22,896.69	\$ 13,252.95	\$ 27,619.48	\$ 28,253.00	\$ 28,500.00
64	Vehicle Mtc. - Highway	\$ 57,269.59	\$ 47,967.02	\$ 35,743.84	\$ 54,641.52	\$ 73,480.00	\$ 62,750.00
65	Vehicle Mtc. - Police	\$ 63,787.09	\$ 54,626.45	\$ 73,023.09	\$ 57,310.92	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 67,000.00
66	Vehicle Mtc. - Fire	\$ 46,181.62	\$ 53,349.30	\$ 31,858.59	\$ 35,930.79	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
67	Park Department	\$ 71,756.21	\$ 77,271.56	\$ 70,525.39	\$ 80,520.65	\$ 99,826.04	\$ -
68	Cemetery Department	\$ 52,458.49	\$ 58,432.72	\$ 70,878.59	\$ 107,632.67	\$ 100,115.88	\$ 113,027.48
69	Tree Removal	\$ 31,825.71	\$ 24,205.47	\$ 50,279.85	\$ 27,458.29	\$ 29,142.96	\$ 33,500.00
70	Snow Removal Expense	\$ 340,374.49	\$ 355,925.37	\$ 347,052.55	\$ 446,439.30	\$ 350,000.16	\$ 355,000.16
	Total DPW	\$ 1,672,859.32	\$ 1,622,858.88	\$ 1,819,874.40	\$ 1,985,791.09	\$ 2,109,975.08	\$ 2,168,287.64

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Line No.		Expended FY2019	Expended FY2020	Expended FY2021	Expended FY22	Budgeted FY23	FY24 TM Rec Budget
	<i>Facilities and Buildings</i>						
71	Facilities and Grounds	\$ 344,486.32	\$ 417,610.05	\$ 404,450.78	\$ 468,470.07	\$ 662,012.93	\$ 664,597.15
72	Public Buildings	\$ 204,073.23	\$ 199,442.74	\$ 210,482.37	\$ 235,583.27	\$ 235,553.10	\$ 205,553.10
72A	Additional Utilities, Library	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
72B	Park Department						\$ 111,495.20
	Total Facilities & Buildings	\$ 548,559.55	\$ 617,052.79	\$ 614,933.15	\$ 704,053.34	\$ 897,566.03	\$ 981,645.45
	<i>Solid Waste/Recycling Program</i>						
73	Recycling Program	\$ 153,172.68	\$ 207,751.70	\$ 217,865.78	\$ 284,193.26	\$ 312,634.00	\$ 352,775.00
	Total Solid Waste/Recycling	\$ 153,172.68	\$ 207,751.70	\$ 217,865.78	\$ 284,193.26	\$ 312,634.00	\$ 352,775.00
	<i>Public Assistance</i>						
74	Council on Aging	\$ 137,639.51	\$ 144,251.09	\$ 160,072.46	\$ 163,808.91	\$ 189,169.11	\$ 224,306.85
	Subtotal C.O.A.	\$ 137,639.51	\$ 144,251.09	\$ 160,072.46	\$ 163,808.91	\$ 189,169.11	\$ 224,306.85
75	Veterans' Benefits	\$ 56,227.51	\$ 83,366.08	\$ 73,222.19	\$ 68,808.49	\$ 99,275.00	\$ 99,275.00
76	Veteran's Administration	\$ 5,035.00	\$ 5,035.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,380.15	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 10,250.00
77	Registrar of Vets' Graves	\$ 544.00	\$ 572.30	\$ 347.93	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
78	Memorial Day	\$ 70.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
	Subtotal Veterans	\$ 61,876.51	\$ 89,723.38	\$ 78,640.12	\$ 74,258.64	\$ 110,775.00	\$ 110,775.00
	Total Assistance	\$ 199,516.02	\$ 233,974.47	\$ 238,712.58	\$ 238,067.55	\$ 299,944.11	\$ 335,081.85
	<i>Schools</i>						
79	School Department	\$ 20,171,457.32	\$ 20,697,449.67	\$ 20,644,561.33	\$ 21,631,599.27	\$ 22,325,309.00	\$ 22,883,442.00
79A	Unemployment School - Stab/Free Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
79B	Curriculum Update	\$ 17,686.00	\$ 17,618.72	\$ 17,686.00	\$ 17,686.00	\$ 17,686.00	\$ 17,686.00
80	Monty Tech Assessment	\$ 820,560.00	\$ 777,473.00	\$ 876,598.00	\$ 876,289.00	\$ 1,054,376.00	\$ 1,181,390.00
81	Vehicle Mtc - School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Schools	\$ 21,009,703.32	\$ 21,492,541.39	\$ 21,538,845.33	\$ 22,525,574.27	\$ 23,397,371.00	\$ 24,082,518.00
	<i>Library</i>						
82	Lunenburg Public Library	\$ 406,171.26	\$ 419,175.46	\$ 426,673.23	\$ 438,956.42	\$ 503,955.70	\$ 539,126.28
	Total Library	\$ 406,171.26	\$ 419,175.46	\$ 426,673.23	\$ 438,956.42	\$ 503,955.70	\$ 539,126.28
	Total Omnibus	\$ 36,079,029.06	\$ 36,864,490.23	\$ 37,445,012.55	\$ 39,209,765.41	\$ 41,641,744.92	\$ 42,584,048.95

PROJECTED REVENUES/EXPENDITURES FY2024								
	FY22 BUDGETED	FY23 BUDGETED	FY24 BUDGETED	EXPENDITURES	FY22 BUDGETED	FY23 BUDGETED	FY24 BUDGETED	
PROPERTY TAXES								
Prior Year Levy Limit	\$ 26,049,570.00	\$ 27,131,063.00	\$ 28,043,722.60	Maturing Debt	\$ 3,178,668.94	\$ 3,220,578.72	\$ 2,335,199.75	
2 1/2% Increase	\$ 651,239.00	\$ 678,277.00	\$ 701,093.07	Interest/Issuance Costs on Debt	\$ 1,383,924.66	\$ 1,277,144.63	\$ 1,182,813.06	
Estimated New Growth	\$ 430,254.00	\$ 234,383.00	\$ 200,000.00	Gen Gov Unclassified	\$ 3,217,880.95	\$ 3,378,711.07	\$ 3,968,170.45	
Debt Exclusions	\$ 2,828,813.00	\$ 2,831,933.00	\$ 2,477,704.00	General Government	\$ 1,724,760.34	\$ 1,852,491.65	\$ 1,974,322.04	
Override				Central Purchasing	\$ 75,580.00	\$ 77,800.00	\$ 80,300.00	
				Protection	\$ 3,902,345.50	\$ 4,239,354.99	\$ 4,478,848.28	
TAXES: Total	\$ 29,959,876.00	\$ 30,875,656.00	\$ 31,422,519.67	Health & Sanitation	\$ 89,539.60	\$ 99,259.90	\$ 104,961.15	
				Public Assistance	\$ 273,093.15	\$ 294,404.08	\$ 335,081.85	
				Facilities & Buildings	\$ 797,965.16	\$ 897,566.03	\$ 981,645.45	
				Solid Waste/Recycling Program	\$ 354,634.00	\$ 312,634.00	\$ 352,775.00	
STATE PROVIDED FUNDS				Department of Public Works	\$ 1,912,838.76	\$ 2,101,444.93	\$ 2,168,287.64	
Cherry Sheet/State Aid	\$ 9,440,371.00	\$ 10,500,128.00	\$ 10,540,787.00	Schools	\$ 22,545,667.05	\$ 23,397,371.00	\$ 24,082,518.00	
Police Career Incentive				Library	\$ 439,540.70	\$ 492,983.92	\$ 539,126.28	
Additional Aid								
Subtotal State Aid	9,440,371.00	10,500,128.00	10,540,787.00	Omnibus Total	\$ 39,896,438.81	\$ 41,641,744.92	\$ 42,584,048.95	
				Prior Year Budget Adjustments				
PROJECTED LOCAL RECEIPTS								
Local Receipts	\$ 3,060,153.00	\$ 3,110,153.00	\$ 3,160,153.00	CHERRY SHEET CHARGES				
Subtotal Receipts	3,060,153.00	3,110,153.00	3,160,153.00	Cherry Sheet Offset	\$ 197,559.00	\$ 139,987.00	\$ 153,007.00	
				State & County	\$ 177,708.00	\$ 179,650.00	\$ 179,510.00	
OTHER REVENUES				Choice/Charter Assessments	\$ 925,020.00	\$ 1,002,610.00	\$ 795,112.00	
Overlay Surplus				Changes to FY09 Assessments				
Free Cash	\$ 1,485,604.00	\$ 2,150,230.39	\$ 2,629,123.98					
Unexpended Articles	\$ 111,281.58	\$ 212,089.61	\$ 14,951.93	Subtotal CS Charges	\$ 1,300,287.00	\$ 1,322,247.00	\$ 1,127,629.00	
Premium Reserved for Capital								
Comcast Tech Capital Fund								
Borrowing								
Special Purpose Stabilization Fund				Allow for Abatements/Exemptions	\$ 123,089.85	\$ 116,041.33	\$ 120,000.00	
Health Insurance Stabilization Fund			\$ 271,000.00	Worc Cty Retirement Assessment	\$ 1,531,070.00	\$ 1,689,147.00	\$ 1,917,969.00	
MSBA Reimbursements	\$ 474,239.00	\$ 474,239.00	\$ -	Tax Title	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	
MSBA Reserve for Debt/Premiums	\$ 60,540.55	\$ 60,262.26	\$ 59,968.64	Capital Articles	\$ 1,597,825.00	\$ 2,162,849.00	\$ 1,039,010.00	
				Overlay Article for FY23 Tax Assessments			\$ 1,500,000.00	
Trust & Special Revenue Funds				Cemetery Improvements	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Sewer Enterprise				Design/Engineering-Old Primary School	\$ 30,000.00			
Sewer Betterments				Peg Access FY20 Capital Expenses				
Water Betterments	\$ 54,837.50	\$ 58,837.50	\$ 57,587.50	Reserve Capacity Stabilization Fund				
Student Transportation Offset Receipt Fund				Special Purpose Stabilization Fund(s)	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	
Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings	\$ 46,460.93	\$ 36,204.86	\$ 37,621.37	Sewer Capital Reserve	\$ 45,804.93	\$ 35,548.86	\$ 36,621.37	
Cemetery Sale of Lots Account	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00					
Artificial Turf Revolving Fund	\$ 44,318.19	\$ 42,134.74	\$ 39,321.78					
Sale of Real Estate Revolving Account				TC Passios Design/Engineering	\$ 54,000.00			
Subtotal Other Revenue	\$ 2,292,281.75	\$ 3,043,998.36	\$ 3,119,575.20	APR - "Pierce's Tree Farm"	\$ 66,500.00			
				30 School St Demo/Final Design		\$ 250,000.00		
				Woodruff Property Cleanup		\$ 100,000.00		
				OPEB Liability	\$ 180,418.00	\$ 267,352.00	\$ 282,855.00	
				Sewer OPEB Liability	\$ 656.00		\$ 1,000.00	
				300th Anniversay Fund Expenses		\$ 5,000.00		
				Health Insurance Stabilization Fund	\$ 369,334.00			
Other Financing Sources				Marshall Park Design/Engineering		\$ 184,000.00		
Septic Loan Revenue				Prior Year Expense	\$ 8,164.70	\$ 2,304.54	\$ 4,000.00	
				Transfer to Stabilization Fund	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	
				Historical Commission Article			\$ 25,000.00	
PEG Access Enterprise Fund	\$ 220,866.00	\$ 211,375.00	\$ 210,764.00	PEG Access Enterprise	\$ 174,024.00	\$ 163,567.00	\$ 163,261.00	
Water Enterprise Fund	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	Water Enterprise	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	\$ 302,000.00	\$ 302,000.00	\$ 302,000.00	Solid Waste Enterprise	\$ 302,000.00	\$ 302,000.00	\$ 302,000.00	
Sewer Enterprise Fund	\$ 1,964,589.46	\$ 2,007,150.47	\$ 2,086,219.10	Sewer Enterprise	\$ 1,168,126.10	\$ 1,213,182.00	\$ 1,339,850.95	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$47,265,137.21	\$50,075,460.83	\$50,867,017.97	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 47,261,738.39	\$ 50,068,983.65	\$ 50,857,245.27	
				Credit/(Debit)	\$3,398.82	\$6,477.18	\$9,772.70	
				Excess Levy Capacity		Excess Levy Capacity	Excess Levy Capacity	

Article 9: Amendment to Code of Lunenburg, Chapter 70, Schedule A-Salary Administration
Plan FY 2024 Wage Schedule

**TOWN OF LUNENBURG
SALARY SCHEDULE
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

GRADE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8
1	\$14.61	\$15.05	\$15.50	\$15.96	\$16.44	\$16.93	\$17.45	\$17.97
2	\$15.30	\$15.75	\$16.24	\$16.72	\$17.22	\$17.73	\$18.27	\$18.82
3	\$16.03	\$16.50	\$17.00	\$17.52	\$18.04	\$18.58	\$19.14	\$19.71
4	\$16.50	\$17.00	\$17.52	\$18.04	\$18.58	\$19.14	\$19.71	\$20.31
5	\$17.00	\$17.52	\$18.04	\$18.58	\$19.14	\$19.71	\$20.31	\$20.91
6	\$17.87	\$18.41	\$18.96	\$19.53	\$20.11	\$20.72	\$21.34	\$21.98
7	\$19.89	\$20.49	\$21.10	\$21.73	\$22.39	\$23.05	\$23.75	\$24.46
8	\$21.22	\$21.86	\$22.52	\$23.19	\$23.88	\$24.60	\$25.34	\$26.10
9	\$23.13	\$23.82	\$24.54	\$25.28	\$26.04	\$26.81	\$27.62	\$28.45
10	\$25.19	\$25.94	\$26.72	\$27.53	\$28.35	\$29.20	\$30.08	\$30.99
11	\$27.51	\$28.33	\$29.18	\$30.06	\$30.97	\$31.89	\$32.84	\$33.84
12	\$29.96	\$30.85	\$31.79	\$32.74	\$33.71	\$34.73	\$35.77	\$36.84
13	\$32.66	\$33.63	\$34.65	\$35.68	\$36.75	\$37.85	\$38.99	\$40.16
14	\$35.59	\$36.65	\$37.76	\$38.89	\$40.06	\$41.26	\$42.50	\$43.77
15	\$38.80	\$39.95	\$41.15	\$42.39	\$43.67	\$44.98	\$46.32	\$47.71
16	\$42.28	\$43.55	\$44.86	\$46.21	\$47.59	\$49.03	\$50.49	\$52.01
17	\$46.09	\$47.48	\$48.90	\$50.37	\$51.88	\$53.43	\$55.03	\$56.68
18	\$50.24	\$51.74	\$53.30	\$54.90	\$56.55	\$58.24	\$59.99	\$61.79
19	\$54.77	\$56.41	\$58.10	\$59.84	\$61.63	\$63.49	\$65.38	\$67.35
20	\$59.69	\$61.48	\$63.32	\$65.22	\$67.18	\$69.20	\$71.27	\$73.41

Employees receive a step increase each year until they reach the 8th step.

Article 14: FY 2024 Sewer Enterprise Budget

Summary of FY24 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget	
Revenues	
User Charges	\$ 1,112,800.00
Connection Fees	\$ 17,000.00
Sewer Bank Fees (I/I)	\$ 5,300.00
Penalties & Interest	\$ 10,300.00
Drain Layer Fees	\$ 600.00
Grease Trap Annual Permit Fees	\$ 2,850.00
Investment Income	\$ 6,000.00
Reserve Capacity -Highfield Village	
Reserve Capacity	\$ -
Fines & Fees	\$ -
Transfer from Inflow/Infiltration Stabilization Fund	\$ 9,900.00
Transfer from Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 35,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Capacity Stabilization Fund	\$ 20,962.40
Total Current Year Revenue and Available Funds	\$ 1,220,712.40
Expenditures	
Payroll	\$ 90,965.08
Purchase of Service	\$ 290,200.00
Utilities	\$ 46,700.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 911,985.87
Subtotal:	\$ 1,339,850.95
Indirect Costs	
Payroll/Fringe Benefits	\$ 99,551.87
Subtotal:	\$ 99,551.87
Total Current Year Expenditures and Indirect Costs:	\$ 1,439,402.82
Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (218,690.42)
Debt Service	\$ 646,816.28
Less Estimated Betterment Revenue	\$ 483,410.00
Deficit of Betterment Revenue vs Debt Service	\$ 163,406.28
Less Budgeted Surplus	\$ 218,690.42
Retained Earnings Appropriated	\$ 382,096.70
Appropriate from Retained Earnings to OPEB Trust	\$ 1,000.00
Appropriate from Retained Earnings to Capital Reserve Stabilization	\$ 36,621.37
Total Retained Earnings Appropriation	\$ 419,718.07

Lunenburg's Renewed Effort to "Recycle Smarter":

In 2019 the Town received a grant that launched a Recycle Smart campaign to help improve the quality of the material that is sorted for recycling. This was an effort to educate people about what can and cannot be recycled as a way to increase the amount of material being recycled. By keeping trash out of recycling bins, it will help reduce waste management costs and be better for the environment. Since education is a continuous effort and recycling properly is an important component of making sure the recycling is not contaminated, this message is a renewed effort to "recycle smarter".

Here are a few tips to help you "Recycle Smarter":

Items that **DO NOT** belong in recycling:

- Aerosol cans
- Batteries of any kind
- Clothing/Textiles
- Foam packaging and Styrofoam
- Food packaging with any wax coating
- Garden Hoses/Ropes
- Glass dishes/Pyrex/Ceramics
- Hardcover books
- Hazardous Waste
- K-Cups
- Metal Cables/Electrical Cords
- Mirrors
- Office equipment
- Packaging (contained with food)
- Plastic Film/Plastic Tarps
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Plastic Wrappers (candy, chip bags)
- Plastic/Wire Hangers
- Shredded Paper
- Stringy Materials
- Windows and light bulbs
- Wood Material and products

And please remember, **DO NOT BAG RECYCLING IN PLASTIC BAGS.**

Items that **DO** belong in recycling:

- PAPER: phone books, mail, mixed papers, office paper, envelopes, folders, newspaper & inserts, magazines, catalogs, brochures, pamphlets
- PLASTIC: plastic bottles, plastic jugs, plastic tubs
- CARDBOARD: boxboard, cereal boxes (but not waxed liner bag), food boxes, flattened corrugated cardboard (**2 feet x 2 feet maximum per piece**)
- METAL: Metal food and beverage containers
- GLASS: Glass bottles and glass jars

And please remember, any of these items that contained food or liquid **MUST BE CLEAN AND EMPTY**



the Walk Test

Walk across your lawn and look back. If you can see your footprints after a few minutes, your grass needs water.

THE Greenscapes Guide TO LAWN CARE

Early Spring (April)

- ✓ Test your soil.
- ✓ If tests indicates, add compost, lime and other soil amendments.
- ✓ Start new compost bin/pile.
- ✓ Remove leaves and add to compost bin.
- ✓ Apply corn gluten for crabgrass control. Do not apply at same time as seeding.

Late Spring (May-June)

- ✓ Rake to remove thatch build-up
 - ✓ Re-seed bare patches and top-dress with 1/2" compost
 - ✓ Sharpen mower blade if needed and reset height to 3 inches
 - ✓ Leave clippings on the lawn
 - ✓ Apply compost tea
 - ✓ Pull weeds by hand or treat with white vinegar
 - ✓ Plant native, drought-tolerant plants
 - ✓ Mulch gardens
 - ✓ Top-dress lawn with 1/2" compost
- Aerate and water compost pile
- Before Memorial Day, no need to water in average years
- After Memorial Day, conduct Walk Test and water if thirsty



Your Lawn at Dawn

Watering at daybreak is by far the most effective and helps to prevent the growth of fungus.

Summer (July - August)

- ✓ Allow grass to go dormant during dry summer days
- ✓ Aerate and water compost pile
- ✓ If grubs, treat with beneficial nematodes
- ✓ Routinely conduct Walk Test and water if thirsty (but obey watering bans)
- ✓ Continue to pull weeds or treat with white vinegar

Fall (September - October)

- ✓ Sharpen mower blades and keep height to 3 inches
- ✓ Leave clippings on the lawn
- ✓ Apply corn gluten to control next year's crabgrass (do not apply at same time as seeding)
- ✓ Overseed with drought-tolerant grass seed (includes mostly tall fescue seeds)
- ✓ Do last mowing of the season at 2" height

Fall is the best time to start or renovate a lawn!

- ✓ Top-dress lawn with 1/2" compost
 - ✓ Aerate compacted areas
 - ✓ Rake leaves; use as mulch and/or add to compost
- Until Labor Day, conduct Walk Test and water if thirsty (obey watering bans)
- After Labor Day, no need to water in average years

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SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023; 9:00 A.M.

LUNENBURG MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

1079 Massachusetts Avenue